



Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Thursday 8th June 2023 meeting held via conference call at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

1. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A. CE, WC&CC	1. Mayor John O'Leary (Chair)	Elected representative
2. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	2. Cllr Pat Nugent	Elected Representative
3. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	3. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
4. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	4. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
5. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	5. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
6. Heather Kiley	PPN Community / Voluntary		
7. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber		
8. Maggie Flannagan	PPN/ Community & Voluntary		
Apologies:		Apologies:	
9. Breda Fell	PPN Community/Voluntary	6. Kate Cassidy	HSE
10. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	7. Cllr Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative (Deputy Chair)
		8. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
		9. Michael O'Brien	WWETB

Staff Present: J. Codd Staff Officer, S. Whelan Staff Officer , Ivan Grimes, Director of Services, Emma Smyth, Eoin Morrissey.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	13
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 68%
4. non-public/public ratio	8 non-public: 5 public

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Ivan Grimes, confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 8 & Public 5, total 13 members attending. Cllr. O’Leary took the chair and opened the meeting.

2. **Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted, together with apologies from Kevin Moynihan and Ovi Matiut, Sinéad Breathnach.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

- LCDC meeting held on the 11th May, 2023 (on extranet)

Proposed: Senan Cooke	Seconded by: Liam Quinn
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

4. **Matters arising**

No matters arising

5. **The Languages Act – Susie Whelan**

The Languages Acts 2003 and 2021 and Section 3 of the 2021 Act requires a senior staff member (Grade VIII or above) to be nominated as the person to liaise with the Dept of the Gaeltacht – Propose Sinéad Breathnach to be approved for the above role

Proposed: Pat Nugent	Seconded by: Heather Kiely
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

6. **Q3 SICAP Payment and Ukraine Payment**

Proposed: Maggie Flanagan	Seconded by: Michael Walsh
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

7. Well Waterford Terms of Reference – Eoin Morrissey

Heather Kiely suggested that one nomination from non public side to join the committee. Ivan suggested that an email be sent to the non public members seeking an expression of interest to join the sub committee of Well Waterford by the end of next week.

Proposed: Gerald Hurley	Seconded by: Kathryn Kiely
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

8. Migrant Integration Strategy

This was deferred until next months meeting.

9. SICAP: - Ivan Grimes

a. Delegation to SICAP subcommittee for approval of Mid Year Review

Proposed: Jimmy Taaffe	Seconded by: Jenny Beresford
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

b. Delegation to SICAP subcommittee to approve payment of Q3 Funds to WAP (assuming successful approval of MYR)

Proposed: Maggie Flanagan	Seconded by: Michael Walsh
Abstentions: Liam Quinn	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

c. For noting: SICAP 2024+ procurement process has formally begun

d. Approval of target groups identified by SICAP subcommittee for SICAP 2024+ Programme in addition to 2024 KPI's

Proposed: Jenny Beresford	Seconded by: Kathryn Kiely
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

10. LECP update – Ivan Grimes

Final draft of the LECP is being prepared, and final objectives and actions for both Economic Development & Community being reviewed to ensure that there is no crossover or gaps. The community element is to go before the Community SPC in July and is on schedule to be approved at the September Plenary Council meeting.

Skills Committee – Johnny Codd

The skills committee met on 17th May. The launch of the West Waterford Fab lab is imminent, SOLAS are awaiting permission to take control of the premises. Skillnet are providing upskilling and retraining courses for Cartamundi staff and European Globalisation Fund could also be utilized to assist. All skills agencies are seeing good engagement from the Ukrainian community but language remains the biggest barrier in training and pathways to employment, ETB would like more tutors to assist. The first PR drive to promote training opportunities commenced in Q2 and a central online information hub will be created on the Councils website with information on various courses and promotional videos.

The committee meets again in July

Healthy Waterford LCDC Update – Eoin Morrissey

Well Waterford Organisational Structure Development

Work is ongoing in developing the organisational structure and understanding of the Well Waterford group. This is subcommittee of LCDC Health and Wellbeing structure that plays a key part in delivering on the next LECP plan. To have a more targeted local approach Municipal District working groups are being established with the first one taking place on the 23rd of June for Dungarvan / Lismore followed by Comeragh on 25th August. The aim is to tie this in with the local LIT for Sláintecare which will act as an anchor for the Metro Municipal District Working Groups. An internal working group of WCCC is also established that will meet on a bi – monthly basis with relevant Departments brought together to support existing projects, avoid duplication, and assist in co-ordinating projects.

Playful Streets / Community Engagement

Several initiatives as part of the Healthy Waterford local strategy have begun. One of our key initiatives to engage closely with communities at grass roots level has been the 'Playful Streets' program. The below dates are confirmed and currently being worked on. It is available to other venues pending good levels of interest from the local community.

Current Dates

- Waterford City 1st of June & 14th August
- Kilmacthomas 19th of June
- Carrigea Crescent 4th July (Part of National Play Day)
- Tramore - 10th July
- Lismore - 17th July
- Portlaw – 7th August
- Dungarvan – 13th July / 14th August

Community Event City Square

The Healthy Waterford Coordinator assisted in the organisation of a successful community engagement event in City Square Waterford. It is the intention to run a similar event in the Dungarvan area over the summer months via the core working group and Well Waterford Partners.

Place Standard Training

Training was complete with the Place Standard tool that is used to assess the quality of place of which a community lives in. This needs assessment can assess places that are well established, undergoing change, or still being planned. This is being piloted in the Tramore area in the coming weeks with other communities being identified for Q3 & Q4 of 2023.

Pobal Funding

Pobal funding is being released to the Local Authority from the 1st of June after national Pobal event on 30th of May. Funding has been committed to several projects. The successful application has received minor adjustments. Further projects will be identified with an aim to spend the majority of the funding this year. This may result in a small community health and wellbeing grant.

11. SICAP/Social Inclusion – Ivan Grimes

Local Government Audit service in 2022 did an audit on WAP, they didn't flag anything that wasn't already being addressed. However, there was an incorrect apportionment of costs in the programme, incorrectly charged to SICAP in relation to office costs, insurance etc. Our recommendation is that the incorrectly apportioned costs be adjusted over a 5 year period at just over €3k per year, Ivan indicated that Liam Quinn was in agreement and doesn't have an issue with the proposed re-payment.

Proposed: Michael Walsh	Seconded by: Gerald Hurley
Abstentions: Liam Quinn	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

12. Ukrainian Response update – Susie Whelan

To date over 81,000 temporary protections have been granted to Ukrainians arriving to Ireland, with almost 2,400 of those registered here in Waterford.

Waterford City & County Council have provided temporary accommodation to over 1,650 Ukrainian refugees in the Council run rest centres and have matched over 1,242 of those with pledged and Council sourced accommodation.

Waterford have received 105 offers under the 'Offer a Home' pledge call which was promoted on WLR during April and early May seeking offers of vacant accommodation. There are 182 Ukrainians currently housed under the OAH call.

WAP continue to provide supports to all Ukrainians on community integration. Liam may want to comment on same.

13. Ukrainian Educational Update – M. O'Brien

Deferred until the July meeting.

14. Correspondence

- a. DUMP Campaign Press Release
- b. Invitation to register: Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making
- c. Minister Joe O'Brien announces public consultation on Ireland's First National Philanthropy Policy

15. AOB –

Heather Kiely congratulated Dungarvan Chamber of Commerce in relation to their national accolade. Cllr O'Leary also agreed with Heather in relation to their National recognition for Chamber of the year.

Senan Cooke congratulated John O'Leary on his Chairship of the LCDC as this would be John's final meeting.

16. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday 13th July at 10.a.m.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____